

# THE CLIFTON CLARION.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12, 1885.

## TERRITORIAL TOPICS.

Mrs. A. E. Fay is advertised as the proprietor of the Flagstaff Champion.

Mr. Jack O'Neil was master of ceremonies at the race on Sunday in Prescott.

Indian items are scarcer than hens' teeth at present. Pity that the Indians could not be likewise scarce.

C. E. Dailey has been visiting Boston. He met there Mr. Sayre, of the Clanton, who, he says, has grown so fat that he hardly knew him.—Tailings.

An Indian was drowned from the steamer Mohave, at Cottonwood Islands, the last trip of the boat up the river. The unfortunate fell with the gang-plank, which must have struck and disabled him.—Yuma Republican.

The Miner, a staunch Republican paper, observes: U. S. Marshal Meade starts in with clean hands, and it is to be hoped that he will at the end of his term leave them in the same condition. It would be a kind of novelty for the people of Arizona.

The Southern Pacific Company is fencing in twenty acres at Picacho as a depot reservation. Picacho is the nearest point to Florence and Quijota, which advantage may make it a place of some considerable importance.

It is reported that considerable sickness prevails in the lower settlements of Salt River. It has been brought on by drinking ditch water, which, before it reaches the lower settlements, becomes exceedingly filthy and very warm.

It is said that the 300 Apaches now on the San Carlos reservation are guarded by six soldiers. The Indians are all quiet and industrious, attending to their farming and stock raising. They held a grand war dance when the enlisted scouts left to fight the renegades.

According to the Arizona Champion, the mysterious sickness that ravaged The Needles last year has again broken out, several deaths already having occurred. Dr. Mason, of Williams, who was called in, ascribes their visitation as much to the food as the water. Many are leaving the place for points east along the line of the railroad.

Considerable sickness now prevails at The Needles. During the last few days several people have died. The disease is said to be a mild form of cholera, which runs its course very rapidly. Physicians have given it as their opinion that it is caused by impure water and unwholesome food, and that nothing but cooler weather will cause the epidemic to abate.

It has been "one continued round of pleasure" with a number of the military gentlemen who have been stationed here for the past few days. If they would tackle the Apache with the same persistence that they have the equally as dangerous foe that lurks behind the average Wilcox bar, the wily savage would soon be wiped off the face of the earth.—Southwestern Stockman.

The present month will end the uncomfortable warm weather of an Arizona summer, and it will be succeeded by the long season of perfect climatic conditions that will yet make this the favored land of the continent. The near approach of the cool and bright days is not the only reason for rejoicing, for with them will come renewed activity in every industry and a general revival in business matters.

Mr. Isaac D. Putnam, of Mesa, on the San Pedro, sold last week, to Mr. Richard Greer, agent for the Wabash Cattle Company, of Navajo Springs, forty head of his blooded bulls. Mr. Putnam was one of the first men to bring cattle on the lower San Pedro and Gila rivers, some nine years ago. He has ever since kept his stock up to a first-class grade, and has sold many of his bulls, all of which has given perfect satisfaction.

T. D. Royment, formerly of the Index, after visiting Michigan, spent a week or two with his brother and sister in New York. Thence he took a trip through Mississippi and Louisiana, and expects to arrive in Tucson this week. Writing from Vicksburg, Miss., he says it was very warm there, causing him to long for the cooling breezes of Arizona. The South is a magnificent country, but needs a lot of first-class funerals, like Arizona.

## A Cure for Sleeplessness.

One evening a few weeks ago, I had an exaggerated form of a very common experience with my baby. He never goes to bed exactly with the setting of the sun, but on the evening in question it seemed as if he really had forgotten how to go to sleep. I did not put him to bed and let him cry himself to sleep, for I have tried that once and his crying led to such a fit of coughing and choking that I was frightened and I vowed never to do so again; and so 8, 9, 10 o'clock came and the little fellow never closed his eyes. I used all my arts of soothing and persuasions, but there he sat, and laughed and cooed and watched the light and the shadows until 11 o'clock came and went, and 12 was just at hand. Something must be done, and I could think of nothing, unless possibly a wet cloth on the head might have a soothing effect; at least it would do no harm to try. I took a piece of cotton flannel, large enough when doubled to cover the whole head, and wrung it rather dry out of warm water, then put it closely over the baby's head so as to cover both ears and eyes. The effect was wonderful. There was a brief struggle, then perfect quiet, and in less than five minutes the little fellow was sound asleep. Since then I have tried it again and again, and always with the same result. It is a simple remedy for sleeplessness and well worth knowing and trying.—Babyhood.

## He Got His Drink.

A travel-stained rounder floated into the city Saturday; he was a drinking man, and the long dusty ride and occasional foot-races with brakemen en route rendered Giles McMullin very thirsty. So he walked into a "barrel-house" and pulling out a black, opaque glass quart bottle, handed it to the dispenser of alcohol, and loftily told him to fill it with "suthin'" real good and strong.

"All right, sir," said the seller of annihilation, with a rather dubious smile, and turning on the spigot of one of his barrels, filled the bottle to the neck.

Mr. Giles McMullin watched the gurgling current of happiness with a complacent countenance.

"Fifty cents, please," said the liquor-man, as he corked the bottle.

"Say, boss," chirped Giles, I've only got 15 cents.

"O, —," said the man of liquor, and he wrathfully poured the nourishment back into the barrel. "Here take your bottle and don't come monkeying around here again," he added, and tossed the bottle to Giles.

Then Mr. McMullin carefully put the bottle in his pocket. Walking to the Metal yard he sat down, and drawing out the bottle he pushed a stick down through the neck. Then he took a real good swallow and lay down to sleep on a pile of pig iron. There was a big sponge inside that bottle!

## Reminiscences of Lincoln.

Ben Perley Poore.

Judge David Davis used to take delight, when he was senator, in relating his adventures during the fourteen years that he was Judge of the Eighteenth judicial circuit of Illinois, from 1848 to the fall of 1862. During this time no term of court was lost by the judge's absence, for neither bad roads or swollen rivers detained him. The life had physical hardships, but they were softened by scenes at the wayside inns. On the Wabash the Judge met Dan Voorhees, Joe P. McDonald, Richard W. Thompson, John P. Usher and other master spirits of the western bar. The lawyers often slept two and even three in a bed after an evening of social enjoyment.

Lincoln was usually the star at these circles. His inexhaustible good humor, quaint sayings and reminiscences kept the party in a roar of laughter. The Judge was a great reader. His saddle-bags were filled with historical and biographical works. The Waverley novels and "David Copperfield" were read with delight. Lincoln seemed to take no pleasure in reading. He glanced at the Waverley novels and remarked that he would read them when he became older. He studied human nature and was a man of practical observations. He also developed a mathematical turn of mind. "I remember," said Judge Davis, "that while nearly all the lawyers on the circuit were in ecstasies over Macaulay's history, then just published, Lincoln was absorbed in the study of Euclid. Night after night he spent over the problems, and finally demonstrated all of them without the least assistance."

The New York Journal says there are no postoffices in the next world. A feminine person explains that it is because the devil takes all the males.

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